

REMARKS

Claims 10-23 are pending in the present application.

Claims 10, 21, and 23 were amended in this response. Support for the amendments in claims 10, 21, and 23 can be found in FIG. 2 and paragraphs [0008] and [0015].

Claims 10-14 and 20-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Beshai. Claims 15-17 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Beshai in view of Oh. Claims 18-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Beshai in view of Oh, further in view of Craddock. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Beshai discloses a method for transmitting data between a sending network node and a receiving network node. According to FIG. 26A and paragraph [0184] “an edge node 208 sends a request to a core node 312 for permission to transfer a data burst and waits until permission is received. A reserved path remains idle until the edge node starts transmitting the burst”. According to the present invention, on the other hand, the blocking time is received by the sending node while a first burst is transmitted. After the expiration of the blocking time, a second data burst is transmitted immediately after the first data burst. No time is therefore wasted.

In response to the Examiner’s arguments in paragraph 4, Applicant submits that the amendment to claims 10, 21, and 23 include the above discussed features (i.e. “transmitting a first data burst”, “receiving information by the sending network node implying a blocking time while transmitting a the first data burst”, “waiting for expiration of the blocking time”, and “transmitting a second data burst immediately after the first data burst”). As such, claims 10, 21 and 23 are allowable. All other claims depend from one of claims 10, 21 or 23, either directly or indirectly, and are similarly allowable.

In light of the above, the Applicant respectfully submit that the claims 10-23 are both novel and non obvious over the art of record. Applicants therefore submit that this application is in condition for allowance. An indication of same is solicited. In the event any further matters requiring attention are noted by Examiner, or in the event that prosecution of this application can otherwise be advanced thereby, a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned representative at the number shown below is invited.

Further, Applicants hereby petition for the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or any underpayment of fees which may be required for this Amendment and which may be

required to maintain the pendency of this case at any time during prosecution, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 04-1061, referencing Attorney Docket No. 39090-00065.

Respectfully submitted,

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